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O N F I D E N T I A L COLOMBO 1141

E.O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: OVIP, OEXC, CE

SUBJ: FY-74 IV PROGRAM

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: POST NOMINATES STANLEY TILLEKERANTE, SPEAKER OF THE MANTIONAL STATE ASSEMBLY AND MP FOR KOTTE, FOR ONEDAY OBSERVATION/ CONSULTATION GRANT. THE SPEAKER RANKS THIRD IN THE GSL PRECEDENCE TABLE AND AS SUCH PER DIEM SHOULD BE DETERMINED FOR CATEGORY A IN ACCORDANCE STATE A-5625 OF JULY 2, 1973.

2. TILLEKERATNE WILL BE SPENDING ONE DAY IN SAN FRANCISCO ENROUTE TO WESTERN SAMOA FROM LONDON IN CONNECTION WITH GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS OF COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA) OF WHICH HE IS PRESIDENTM. TILLEKERATNE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY SIR ARTHUR BOTTOMMLY, TREASURE OF CPA, WHO IS SENIOR MEMBER OF BRITISH LABOR
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PARTY AND FORMER BRITISH MINISTER OF OVERSEAS DEVELO

MENT.

3. TILLEKERATNE ZGN SAN FRANCISCO 8:04 P.M. MAY 8
VIA TWA 771 FROM LONDON AND ETD 8:08 P.M. MAY 9 VIA
UAL-529 FOR WESTERN SAMOA VIA LOS ANGELES.

4. AMBASSADOR REQUESTS THAT DEPARTMENT AND SAN
FRANCISCO RECEPTION CENTER EXTEND ALL APPROPRIATE
COURTESIES INCLUDING HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS, AND MAKE EVERY
EFFORT ARRANGE SUITABLE ONEDA PROGRAM FOR SPEAKER WHO HAS
NOT PREVIOUSLY VISITED U.S. EMBASSY REALIZES LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY
SHORT STAY, BUT SUGGESTS CALL ON MAYOR OR VISIT TO A COURT AND CALL
ON A JUDGE, GOLDEN GATE PARK, BART AND ART COLONY AT SAUSALITO
AS POSSIBILITIES. ALSO SUGGEST SRI LANKA'S HONORARY CONSUL
IN SAN FRANCISCO, DAVID LONDON, BE TOLD OF TILLEKERATNE
VISIT. BORN IN 1929, HE WAS PRACTICING LAWYER UNTIL
ELECTION AS SPEAKER IN 1970. HE HAS BEEN MEMBER OF PARLIA-
MENT SINCE 1965. NO DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.

5. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: TILLEKERATNE IS PROMINENT FIGURE
HERE WHO HAS TAKEN COURAGEOUS STANDS AS SPEAKER TO RESIST
ENCROACHMENT ON POWERS OF LEGISLATURE AND UPHOLD JUDICIAL
REVIEW. ALTHOUGH ACTIVE IN COMMUNIST PARTY DURING 1950'S
AND EARLY 60'S HE JOINED PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE'S
SRI LANKA FREEDOM PARTY (SLFP) IN 1965 AND HAS MOVED STEADILY
TOWARD CENTRIST POSITION SINCE THAT TIME. EMBASSY ENJOYS
VERY GOOD RELATIONS WITH HIM AND HE MAY BECOME CENTRAL
FIGURE IN RESISTING FUTURE ATTEMPTS BY LEFTISTS TO ERODE
PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM. END CONFIDENTIAL.

6. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: EMBASSY REALIZES THAT IF
BOTTOMLINE IS TRAVELLING WITH TILLEKERATNE THIS MIGHT
CAUSE SOME EMBARRASSMENT. HOWEVER, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT
CAN CHECK THIS WITH BRITISH EMBASSY AND CAN WORK OUT
SOME SATISFACTORY SOLUTION.

7. WAIVER
ALREADY RECEIVED FOR TILLEKERATNE'S
INELIGIBILITY UNDER SECTION 212(A)(28) OF INA.

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8. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT SAN FRANCISCO
PROGRAM FOR TILLEKERATNE HAS BEEN ARRANGED.
VAN HOLLEN
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